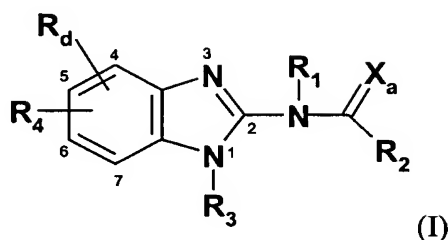


We Claim:

1. A compound of the formula (I):



wherein:

R_1 is hydrogen or alkyl;

R_2 is chosen from aryl and heteroaryl each R_2 is optionally substituted with one or more

R_a ;

R_3 is C_{1-10} alkyl chain branched or unbranched optionally substituted with one or more

R_b ,

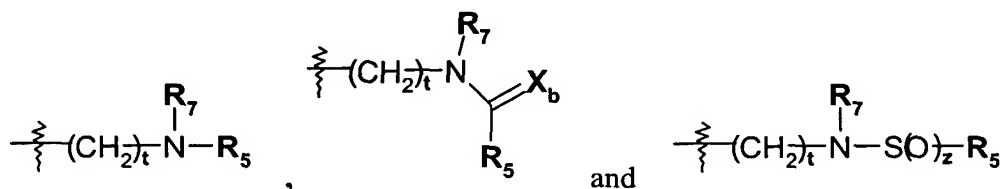
or R_3 is the group:

$-(CH_2)_n-L-R_6$, wherein L is chosen from a bond, $-NH-C(O)-$, $-O-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-$ and $-S(O)_m-$ wherein m is 0, 1 or 2, and wherein said group is optionally substituted by one or more R_b ;

wherein R_6 is independently chosen from hydrogen, hydroxy, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, aryl $C_{0.5}$ alkyl, aryloxy $C_{0.5}$ alkyl, heteroaryl $C_{0.5}$ alkyl, cycloalkyl $C_{0.5}$ alkyl, heterocyclyl $C_{0.5}$ alkyl and amino said amino is optionally mono-or di-substituted by acyl, alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkyl $C_{0.5}$ alkyl, aryl $C_{0.5}$ alkyl, heteroaryl $C_{0.5}$ alkyl or heterocyclyl $C_{0.5}$ alkyl;

n is 1 - 10;

R_4 is a group chosen from:



wherein **R₄** is covalently attached at the indicated 5- or 6- position of the formula (I), **t** and **z** are each independently chosen from 0,1 or 2;

- 5 **R₅** is chosen from arylC₀₋₅ alkyl, alkyl, heteroarylC₀₋₅ alkyl, cycloalkylC₀₋₅ alkyl and heterocyclylC₀₋₅ alkyl, each **R₅** optionally substituted with one or more **R_c**;

R₇ is hydrogen, alkenyl or alkyl;

- 10 or **R**₅ and **R**₇ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form:
a 4-7-membered monocyclic ring or
an 8-14-membered bicyclic ring,
wherein each monocyclic or bicyclic ring optionally contains an additional 1 to 3
heteroatoms chosen from N, O and S and each ring is aromatic or nonaromatic, and
15 wherein each monocyclic or bicyclic ring is optionally substituted by one or more **R**_c;

each **R_a**, **R_b** or **R_c** are independently chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxy, alkoxy, alkylthio, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, acyloxy, acylamino, sulphonylamino, aminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, carboxamide, oxo, hydroxy, halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro, nitrile and amino optionally mono-or-di-substituted by alkyl, acyl or alkoxycarbonyl, wherein any of the above **R_a**, **R_b** or **R_c** are optionally halogenated where possible;

- R_d**, covalently attached at the indicated 4-, 5-, 6- or 7-position of the formula (I), is
25 chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy and halogen and

X_a and X_b are oxygen or sulfur;

or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, acids, isomers or tautomers thereof.

2. The compound according to claim 1 wherein:

R₁ is hydrogen;

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R₂ is chosen from phenyl, naphthyl, and heteroaryl chosen from thienyl, furanyl, isoxazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyranyl, quinoxalinyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzothienyl, quinolinyl, quinazolinyl and indazolyl each **R₂** is optionally substituted with one or more **R_a**;

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R₃ is C₁₋₁₀ alkyl chain branched or unbranched optionally substituted with one or more **R_b**,

or **R₃** is:

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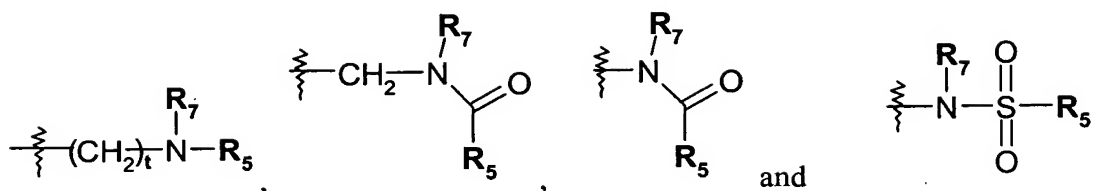
-(CH₂)_n- **L-R₆**, wherein **L** is chosen from a bond, -O-C(O)-, -C(O)- and -S(O)_m- wherein **m** is 0, 1 or 2, and wherein said group is optionally substituted by one or more **R_b**;

wherein **R₆** is independently chosen from hydrogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₅ alkylthio, phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl, phenethyl, heteroarylC₀₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkylC₀₋₅ alkyl, heterocyclylC₀₋₅ alkyl and amino said amino is optionally mono-or di-substituted by C₁₋₅ acyl, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxycarbonyl, arylC₀₋₅ alkyl, heteroarylC₀₋₅ alkyl or heterocyclylC₀₋₅ alkyl; and wherein each recited heteroaryl in this paragraph is chosen from thienyl, furanyl, isoxazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl and pyranyl and wherein each recited heterocyclyl in this paragraph is chosen from pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, dioxalanyl, piperidinyl and piperazinyl;

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R₄ is a group chosen from:



R₅ is chosen from phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C₁₋₅ alkyl, heteroarylC₀₋₅ alkyl wherein the heteroaryl is chosen from thienyl, furanyl, isoxazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl and pyranyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkylC₀₋₅ alkyl and heterocyclylC₀₋₅ alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from aziridinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, dioxalanyl, piperidinyl and piperazinyl, each **R₅** is optionally substituted with one or more **R_c**;

each **R_a**, **R_b** or **R_c** are independently chosen from hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₂₋₅ alkenyl, C₂₋₅ alkynyl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenoxy, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₅ alkylthio, C₁₋₅ acyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₅ acyloxy, C₁₋₅ acylamino, C₁₋₅ sulphonylamino, aminosulfonyl, C₁₋₅ alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, carboxamide, oxo, hydroxy, halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro, nitrile and amino optionally mono-or-di-substituted by C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₁₋₅ acyl or C₁₋₅ alkoxycarbonyl, wherein any of the above **R_a**, **R_b** or **R_c** are optionally halogenated where possible;

R_d is chosen from hydrogen, C₁₋₃ alkyl, C₁₋₃ alkoxy and halogen;

R₇ is hydrogen, C₃₋₁₀ alkenyl or C₁₋₅ alkyl;

and

X_a is oxygen.

3. The compound according to claim 2 wherein:

R₂ is chosen from phenyl, naphthyl and heteroaryl chosen from thienyl, furanyl, isoxazolyl, oxazolyl, imidazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridinyl, quinoxalinyl and benzothienyl each **R₂** is optionally substituted with one or more **R_a**;

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R₆ is independently chosen from hydroxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, heteroarylC₀₋₅ alkyl, heterocyclylC₀₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl and amino said amino is optionally mono-or di-substituted by C₁₋₅ acyl, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxycarbonyl, arylC₀₋₅ alkyl or heteroarylC₀₋₅ alkyl;

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and wherein each recited heteroaryl in this paragraph is chosen from thienyl, furanyl, isoxazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrrolyl and imidazolyl, each optionally substituted by **R_b**;

n is 1-6;

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R₅ is chosen from phenyl, naphthyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C₁₋₅ alkyl, heteroarylC₀₋₅ alkyl wherein the heteroaryl in this paragraph is chosen from thienyl, furanyl, imidazolyl and pyridinyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkylC₀₋₅ alkyl and heterocyclylC₀₋₅ alkyl wherein the heterocyclyl is chosen from aziridinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydropyridinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, piperidinyl and piperazinyl, each **R₅** is optionally substituted with one or more **R_c**;

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R₇ is hydrogen, propenyl or C₁₋₃ alkyl and

R_d is chosen from hydrogen and C₁₋₃ alkyl.

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4. The compound according to claim 3 wherein:

R₂ is chosen from phenyl and heteroaryl chosen from thienyl, furanyl, isoxazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyrazolyl and pyridinyl each **R₂** is optionally substituted with one or more **R_a**;

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R₃ is:

$-(CH_2)_n-C(O)-R_6$ or

$-(CH_2)_n-R_6$;

5 wherein **R₆** is independently chosen from hydroxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, phenyl, morpholinylC₀₋₅ alkyl, piperazinylC₀₋₅ alkyl, imidazolylC₀₋₅ alkyl, pyrrolidinylC₀₋₅ alkyl, pyrrolidinonylC₀₋₅ alkyl, thienylC₀₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl and amino said amino is optionally mono-or di-substituted by C₁₋₅ alkyl or C₁₋₅ alkoxy carbonyl;

10 **R₅** is chosen from phenyl, furanyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C₁₋₃ alkyl and C₃₋₇ cycloalkylC₀₋₅ alkyl each optionally substituted with one or more **R_c**;

each **R_a**, **R_b** or **R_c** are independently chosen from C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, phenyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, amino optionally mono-or-di-substituted by C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxy carbonyl,

15 carboxamide, hydroxy, halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro and nitrile, wherein any of the above **R_a**, **R_b** or **R_c** are optionally halogenated where possible;

R₇ is C₁₋₃ alkyl;

and

20 **R_d** is chosen from hydrogen and methyl.

5. The compound according to claim 4 wherein:

R₂ is chosen from phenyl, thienyl, furanyl, isoxazolyl and pyridinyl each optionally
25 substituted with one or more **R_a**;

R₅ is chosen from methyl, CF₃, cyclopentyl, phenyl and cyclohexyl each optionally substituted with one or more **R_c**;

30 **R_d** is hydrogen and
 n is 2-5.

11. A method of treating an inflammatory disorder, said method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effect amount of a compound according to claim 1.

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12. A method of treating an allergic disorder said method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effect amount of a compound according to claim 1.

10 13. A method of treating a disease chosen from chronic inflammation, cancer, contact dermatitis, psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, type 1 diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease, Guillain-Barre syndrome, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, graft versus host disease, lupus erythematosus, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), bronchitis, conjunctivitis,
15 dermatitis and allergic rhinitis said method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effect amount of a compound according to claim 1.

14. A method administering a vaccine to an individual in need thereof comprising co-administration of a vaccine and a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound
20 according to claim 1.

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